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**EDUCATION**

2018 AE-MSN University of Texas at Austin, School of Nursing

2013 BS-Biology University of Texas at Austin, School of Natural Sciences

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2017-Present Staff nurse, Neurosciences Unit, St. David’s Medical Center, Austin, TX

* Patient population consisted largely of ischemic and hemorrhagic strokes and spinal surgeries

2013-2016 Building Manager, Student Activity Center, University of Texas at Austin,

Austin, TX

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2018 St. David’s Medical Center, Austin, TX

* Preceptor to newly graduated Nurses on the unit. Responsible for 6 week orientation to unit specific policies and procedures
* Preceptor to student nurses during adult health clinicals
* Provide stroke education to acute inpatients and their families (in-person and via video)
* Taught Foley Catheter Insertion refresher at annual competency fair

 University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing

* Stroke education screencast to peers

2017 University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing

* RN Dysphagia Screening Micro-presentation to peers
* Using Games to Assess Students Prior Knowledge - Presentation to peers

2016 University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing

* Proper hand-hygiene presentation to Special-Education class at Lehman High School

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

2018 DAISY Award Winner, Patient Nominated, St. David’s Medical Center

* Recognizes nurses who give extraordinary, compassionate care

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

2018 American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (Active)

2018 American Nurses Association (Active)

2017 Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Epsilon Theta Chapter (Active)

**LICENSURE**

2017-Present Registered Nurse, Texas Board of Nursing (Active)

2014-Present Emergency Medical Technician, Texas Department of State Health Services (Active)

**Research Presentations**

International (ˠPublished Abstract \*Student Author) (TBD)

National (ˠPublished Abstract \*Student Author) (TBD)

Local (ˠPublished Abstract \*Student Author)

 \*Compain, B., Sanders, A., Owunna, A., **Thomas, J.** *Initiating an Inpatient Stroke Education Class in the Acute Hospital Setting to Reduce Hospital Readmission Rates.* LeaDS Capstone Project Poster Presentation. Austin, TX. December, 2018. (Poster)

**Submitted Abstracts**

Compain, B., Sanders, A., Owunna, A., **Thomas, J.** *Initiating an Inpatient Stroke Education Class in the Acute Hospital Setting to Reduce Hospital Readmission Rates.* American Heart Association/American Stroke Association International Stroke Conference Nursing Symposium. Austin, TX. (Pending Approval)

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

State

2016-Present Volunteer Medic, Tough Mudder

Community

2018-Present Stroke Education to patients and family, St. David’s Medical Center

School of Nursing

2017-2018 Vice President of the Association of Nurses in Graduate School University of Texas Chapter (elected)

2018 Panel member of “Life as an AE-MSN student”